

# The District 3 Slate

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County Supervisor Pam Slater

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Dear friend:

A big part of my job as an elected official is to ensure that local taxpayer funds benefit local communities whenever possible.

Because of the County's financial health, we can now make funds available to local groups, and last month several of my proposals for funding were approved. They included \$95,000 to the San Dieguito River Park JPA, to help create the "Coast to Crest" open space park. I also was able to allocate \$50,000 to the City of Solana Beach to fund a bikeway with the Solana Beach Linear Park and \$10,000 for sand replenishment in Encinitas.

I was able to transfer \$35,000 to improve the picnic areas at San Dieguito County Park, and I was able to obtain \$30,000 to improve the parking lots and trails at Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve. Please contact my office if you want to learn more!

*Pam Slater*

## Two libraries start new chapters: Construction begins at Cardiff, Solana Beach library opens

Library fans and book lovers across the Third District celebrated two occasions this month, as two libraries began new chapters.

In Solana Beach, a dedication ceremony was held for the County's first-ever shared use library, which was built as a joint effort between public and private agencies.

"This beautiful facility is a tribute to the hard work and persistence shown by both public and private agencies," said Third District Supervisor Pam Slater. "A love of books and knowledge will bring the community to-



**Festive time:** Library officials dedicate the new Solana Beach Library. Supervisor Pam Slater, right, praised the county's, city's and school district's efforts.

gether at this library for generations to come."

The library opened to the public on Thursday, July 5th.

Funding was provided by the County of San Diego, the San Dieguito Union High School District, the city of Solana Beach, the Friends of the Solana Beach Library and a state grant.

The 10,700-square-foot library is on the campus of Earl Warren Middle School in Solana Beach. The library will be operated by the San Diego County Library system.

Wielding the scissors at the ribbon cutting ceremony were Victoria Wong, an Earl Warren 7th grader who has checked out more books from the school library than any other student, and Calvin Reed, a grandparent reader who uses hand puppets to help tell stories to children.

The new Solana Beach

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## Fire strikes new county central animal shelter; No lives lost

San Diego fire investigators suspect arson as the cause of a late June fire that resulted in \$3 million in damages to the new Central Animal Shelter.

Construction was nearly complete at the new shelter, located off of Gaines Street in Linda Vista. An opening ceremony was scheduled for



**Aftermath:** Workers begin cleaning up debris the day after a fire struck the new central animal shelter.

early August.

"This is a terrible setback,"

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# Cardiff: Construction starts on new library for the community

branch will be one of the first in the County Library to offer self-check system, in which customers can check out their own materials.

At Cardiff, Slater joined with Encinitas Mayor Dennis Holz and Irene Kratzer, President of the Friends of the Cardiff-by-the-Sea Library to ceremoniously begin construction on the new facility.

The new, 5,900-square-foot library will be at Newcastle Avenue and Liverpool Drive in Cardiff-by-the-Sea, a community of Encinitas.

"This is a tremendous day for

everyone in Cardiff," said Slater during the ground-breaking ceremony.

"It's a testament to the cooperation between the County and the City of Encinitas, and it's a credit to the many, many supporters of the Cardiff library who worked to make this day a reality," she added.

The library is expected to open in Summer 2002. The project is funded by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, County District 3 and community donations.

The building will be one block behind the present library.



**The First Steps:** At top left, Supervisor Pam Slater, Encinitas Mayor Dennis Holz, Irene Kratzer of the Friends of the Cardiff Library, and County Library Director Marilyn Crouch break ground for the new library. At right, Slater and Crouch enjoy the event with Betty Knutson and architect Manual Oncina, the new library's designer. Below, the architect's concept of the finished library.

## Fix county potholes by using the information superhighway

Residents of unincorporated areas of San Diego County now have a quick and easy way to report road problems in their community: The Internet.

Road service request for potholes, missing or damaged road signs and other problems can be reported at any hour, 365 days a year.

A new request form is on the County Department of Public Works web site. Information is sent directly to County road staff, who process the request

immediately during work hours or on the next business day.

The Public Works web site is [www.sdcdpw.org/roadservice](http://www.sdcdpw.org/roadservice).

Any type of problem on roads in the unincorporated areas of the County can be reported. Users simply click on their community, the type of problem, fill in the location and any comments, and submit the form.

Public Works also has a toll-free pothole hotline for reporting problems. That number is (877) 684-8000.

## Funds headed to Pacific Beach

Several Pacific Beach organizations will receive funding assistance this year from the County of San Diego.

Three groups -- People for Trees, the Nature School and the Center for Community Solutions -- will receive funds.

"Because of the county's fiscal health, we are able to reinvest taxpayer dollars back into local communities," said Slater.

Board members approved Slater's recommendations during the June 19th meeting.

People for Trees will receive \$15,000 to plant new trees in Pacific Beach, the community's business improvement district.

The Nature School will get \$10,000 to help with its efforts to restore Rose Creek. The

Center for Community Solutions will get \$20,425 to fund a Teen Advocate position at the center's Rape Crisis Center.

## Shelter:

said Supervisor Pam Slater, who led the County's part of the effort to build a new shelter at the site.

"It is horrible to think that someone would try to deliberately destroy a new shelter," she added. "But it is *only a setback*. We will move forward again."

No humans or animals were harmed by the fire, which destroyed much of the new administration buildings.

Investigators have not determined what started the fire.

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